



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

November 19, 2014

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of Knightdale Town Hall.

Present: Councilman James Roberson, Councilman Mike Chalk

Staff Members Present: Seth Lawless, Town Manager; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Lawrence Capps, Police Chief

Councilman Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The minutes from the October 15th PS Committee meeting were reviewed and approved by the group.

Chief Capps reminded the committee that the police department would be pursuing grants available through GHSP and COPS. The initial process for making application is currently underway. Additionally, the police chief plans to announce promotions to the Sergeant and Captain positions in the coming weeks. The department is currently accepting application for police officer, and one conditional offer of employment has already been extended.

Chief Capps presented a report outlining the 3rd quarter crime trends for the Town of Knightdale. Several positive trends were noted including reductions in larceny and burglary. Overall crime for the Town was also down 10% as compared to 2013 YTD totals. The chief emphasized that these types of reports and analyses were an ongoing requirement of the agency's accreditation process. Chief Capps also provided committee members with a progress report on the department's annual plan, indicating that the agency was on pace to meet or exceed its performance measures for the fiscal year.

Chief Guffey noted that Fire Safety Month ended in October. The Fire Department participated in a number of safety education programs; reaching over 2700 children at numerous schools and daycares throughout the town. The Fire Department entered and won a fire prevention contest with Home Depot, and was rewarded with 1,000 KIDDE smoke detectors. These devices will be disseminated throughout the community as needed, and shared with other departments in the surrounding area. Hydrant repainting was also completed in the Mingo Creek and Planter's Walk subdivisions.

Chief Guffey stated the recent duty crew initiative was still underway. So far, volunteers are signing up for about 40 hours a week to help increase the number of firefighters responding to calls. The goal is to increase the number of personnel responding to fire related calls to assist with ISO ratings. Additionally, the department is continuing its pursuit of a 95/5 grant through FEMA to purchase new air packs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



Councilman James Roberson
Committee Chairman